

POINTS IN POLITICS.

THE editor of THE COURIER called upon Governor Crouse Tuesday afternoon, and because we believed a good many people are interested in the matter, we asked him the following question: "Will you be a candidate for re-nomination?" It is generally known that the governor, up to a few months ago, had decided that he would not be a candidate again. At least he so stated to friends. He has not been wholly delighted with the office, and there have been, at various times, rumors of resignation and retirement to oblivion, otherwise known as Fort Calhoun. But of late there have been developments of such a character as to justify THE COURIER in stating, with more or less positiveness, that he would be in the field for renomination. What the governor said in answer to our pointed inquiry makes it absolutely certain, in our opinion, that he will be a candidate. His reply was as follows:

"I have replied to all who have asked me this question that I am not a candidate in the sense that I am seeking renomination. The office is distasteful to me, and I would be willing enough to give it up. Some of my friends have urged me to say that under no circumstances would I be a candidate, and that I would not accept a nomination, if it were tendered; but," and here the governor assumed a judicial air and spoke very deliberately as if he were weighing every word, "I have not felt like going that far. It is held by certain persons and I confess that my opinion on this subject is not as strong as theirs, that conditions may arise which would make it advisable for me to accept a re-nomination and continue in office, in the interest of conciliation. What these conditions are or may be I am not prepared to say. I am simply holding myself in reserve. If it is clear that it is best for me to be a candidate I will probably allow my name to be used. In the meantime I would not embarrass any of the gentlemen who are candidates for the office. I would have them go ahead, leaving me out of consideration."

Those persons who know Governor Crouse will, we believe, read between the lines of the above that he is a candidate, in much the same sense that Tom Majors and Jack McCoil and the rest of 'em are candidates.

The correspondent of the *St. Louis Republic* who stated that the "democrats in this state will certainly elect their candidates in the first and fifth districts and are very confident in the second and have excellent chances in the third and fourth districts," must have derived his information from a source not generally accessible. Not having access to the valuable information which he seems to have in hand, we are foolish enough to think that the next congressman elected in the First district will certainly be a republican: that Dave Mercer and George Meiklejohn and Eugene Hainer, will be re-elected in the Second, Third and Fourth districts, and that there is a very good fighting chance for republican candidates in the Fifth and Sixth districts.

Major Calhoun says: "If offices are to be replenished with new republican occupants, as in some instances they have been, why not just retain the old office holders, and save much useless trouble? The administration had just as well be republican by retention as republican by replacement." The major also tells of a young man in the south who said he was the only Cleveland man left in his town. Mr. Cleveland's unpopularity with Major Calhoun is something that time cannot wither or the appointment of semi-republicans make less effective.

Henry St. Rayner, of Cheyenne county, was in the city this week. There has been a good deal of dry weather in his part of the state and as drouth breeds populists like a swamp breeds pestilence, Mr. St. Rayner is afraid that the pops are in a pretty good state of health. He says that it will not be an easy matter to elect a republican congressman in the Sixth district.

There will be a meeting of the Young Men's Republican club at the Lincoln hotel to-night.

The republican city campaign was inaugurated in a most beautifully harmonious manner at the city central committee meeting Wednesday morning.

Congressman Bryan has told his friends that he would like to see Church Howe nominated for congress in this district. There is no

longer any doubt but that Mr. Bryan will try for congress again, and he thinks he would have a better chance with Howe for an antagonist than some other of the prospective candidates.

There is a growing feeling that the republicans in some of the wards did not select the most distinguished material when they picked out candidates for councilman.

The *Hastings Nebraskan* denies the report that W. E. Andrews, Governor Crouse's private secretary, is a candidate for secretary of state, and states he has only one ambition—to be re-nominated for congress in the Fifth. If Mr. Andrews is not put up again it will not be the *Nebraskan's* fault.

CHARACTER SKETCHES.

NO. 7.

READERS of these modest sketches who have fallen into the habit of making local applications of the outlines hurriedly drawn will probably have little difficulty in recognizing the character sketched below:

He lives alone in the world, probably because no one cares to live with him. He has passed the line of middle age, and is traveling down the declivity on the other side in much the same manner that he has always traveled, at least in the memory of old inhabitants. He is a man that few would care to be on intimate terms with, and yet he is much courted. His character is mottled and he walks not in the straight and narrow path that leads to righteousness; but he buys his way into apparent respectability, and his name is enrolled as a director of one of the leading benevolent and Christian organizations in the city. His money saves him from being an utter outcast.

He is an inveterate frequenter of lectures, prayer meetings, etc., and he is regular in his attendance upon church. He drops a five dollar bill into the collection plate with the nonchalance of a spendthrift Croesus; albeit he is a slave to economy so far as his personal habits are concerned and ordinarily he pinches a dollar so hard that he hurts his fingers. This man who gives to God so freely takes from his fellow men with equal facility. He has never been accused of having a conscience, and the only evidence that he has anything approximate to a conscience is the fact that he gives so liberally to the churches and charity. He drives a bargain like a Jehu, and he usually comes out a winner. Some interesting stories are told about the different ways in which he makes money.

Belligerency is one of his prominent characteristics. He is frequently in the courts; but he settles a great many difficulties out of court with his fists. If he bargains like a Jehu, he fights like a Turk.

He is one of the enigmas of the town. He is one of the most prominent citizens, and yet very few people know very much about him. He has few or no confidants, and he lives unto himself—not a life that would make the angels weep with joy. His reputation has trailed in the dust so often and been so frequently and freely spattered with the blood of many battles that he is not regarded as a model man. But nobody ever finds any fault with his money, and the just and unjust are after him continually. He doubtless gives away as much money as any man in Lincoln. If he had lived several hundred years back he would have bought indulgences of the priest. He practically does the same thing now. He comes down handsomely, and does as he pleases, and I do not believe anybody ever ventures to talk to him of the beauty of a sanctified life on earth. His contributions give him a quasi-respectability, and with this he is apparently content. He is a man of considerable wealth. The bulk of it, it is thought, will be disposed of in proper donations before his death. He is given credit for bestowing help where it is deserving and most needed.

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The trouble with most cough medicines is that they spoil the appetite, weaken digestion and create bile. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, on the contrary, while it gives immediate relief, assists rather than impairs the assimilative process.